



STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF await word from Elba firefighters on what caused the fire alarm in the Elba Elementary School to sound last Thursday at noon. It was determined to be a false alarm and classes resumed, much to the dismay of many happy students.



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STUDENTS WERE EATING when the fire alarm sounded. They followed the training of many drills and immediately stood and filed out of the lunchroom and into the parking lot.



WAY UP ON THE HILL! Some classes watched the action from the safety of the hillside as firefighters inspected the school building for any sign of a fire last Thursday afternoon.



IT WAS A GAME of posing for the camera as teachers tried to keep order while awaiting the all clear signal that would allow all to return to their respective classes. However teachers were not so sure the excitement could be controlled in the two hours of school left that day.



Zackery Coward, an Elba Kindergarten student had his noon meal interrupted, but he prepared to return. He brought his unopened plastic fork packet with him to the safe area outside the school.



Staff and Elba firefighter ponder the fire alarm problem.

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During County BOE meeting

Superintendent presents draft of proposed school calendar for 2006-07 school term

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 9, Coffee County Board of Education members received a draft of the proposed school calendar for school term 2006-07.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram quickly noted that some changes had to be made to the proposed calendar as schools will be increasing the number of instructional days from 175 to 180 for the 2006-07 school term. Also, she said the Coffee County School System most likely will have to start the term a few days later than normal because of the arrival of test scores from the state.

In the proposed calendar, Ingram said the school term will probably begin Aug. 7th. In the past, school has been out for the entire week of Thanksgiving;

however, Ingram said the proposed calendar does not give the whole week off. Also, she said the calendar will change in regards to Spring Break as the system will go from 10 days off to only five days off.

With the changes at Thanksgiving and Spring Break, Ingram said the system will still be able to end the school term at the end of May. She said the proposed calendar has the last day for students on May 30th and the last day for teachers on May 31st.

No action was taken by board members regarding the calendar. Ingram said she wanted to get it out for review, and the board will vote to accept the proposed calendar at a later date.

With Spring Break set to begin the day after the March 9th board meeting, the superin-

tendent had a promising report regarding the renovation work at New Brockton High School.

Ingram said a good deal of progress has been made in the past few weeks. She said contractors plan to be finished by April 15th.

Ingram said other projects also are progressing including roof work at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

In regards to personnel issues, board members unanimously approved the following:

Certificated

• Accept the resignation of Dorothy Little, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, effective the last day of her current contract.

• Continue the employment of Daphne Cook as an ARI regional reading coach trainer for the

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ARW, ARCM employees recognized for safety

Elba Chip Mill marks 14 years with no injuries

Employees of Alabama River Woodlands (ARW) and Alabama River Chip Mills (ARCM) were recognized for outstanding safety achievement during a company-wide meeting and lunch held Tuesday, March 14, at the ARW office in Claiborne.

Alabama River Woodlands President Richard Koger commended employees for their safety performance and congratulated the group for its "commitment, dedication and attitude that made this accomplishment possible."

Koger challenged employees, stating, "We want to celebrate the safe work practices you have demonstrated as well as the fact that we have avoided a serious injury for so long, but we must remember that there is always room to improve. We must keep our focus now and in the future on thinking through each task involved in our jobs to avoid all injuries."

Alabama River Woodlands employees at Claiborne have worked over 11 years without a lost time injury. Employees at the Demopolis Woodyard and Elba Chip Mill facilities have remained accident-free for 14 years. Employees at the Jackson's Gap Chip Mill have a 6-year safety record.

During the meeting, Koger presented each ARW and

ARCM employee with a gift certificate valued at \$50.

"I am extremely proud of our employees for reaching these safety milestones," Koger declared. "The commitment to work safely every day has earned our company one of the best safety records in our industry. I challenge you to continue forward and to practice safety



From Left to Right: Mark Byal, Donnie Piggott, Wanda Weed, Donny Bodford, Michael Perry, Tony Jones, David Mathews and Nathan Miles

daily at home as well as on the job."

Alabama River Woodlands and Alabama River Chip Mills are owned by Parsons & Whittemore of New York and serve as the wood suppliers for the two pulp mills and newspaper plant located at the Alabama River Mill Complex at Claiborne in Monroe County.

Bozeman named president-elect of Cattlemen's Association

Max Bozeman, a fulltime cattle producer and farmer from Coffee County was elected president-elect of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association at the 63rd annual convention held in Birmingham.

Eric Smith, a Pickens County cattle producer, was named president; Orland Brinnell of Russellville was elected vice president and Ned Ellis of Fort Deposit, treasurer.

Billy Powell of Montgomery serves as executive vice president.

Bozeman grew up on a diversified family farm in Crenshaw County. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Troy State University in 1975 and bought a farm in Coffee County that same year.

Bozeman started in the cattle business in 1979 and today owns a large crossbred cow herd and runs a few stockers. He grows some corn silage for the cows along with a hay program.

Bozeman is extremely active in leadership positions with the beef cattle industry in Alabama. He has served as president of

the Alabama BCIA, is a member of the Alabama Farmers Federation state beef committee, chairman of the Coffee County bull sale committee, is on the county extension council and is past president of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association.

Bozeman also served as Regional Vice President of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and has just completed a term as vice president.

Max and wife Kathy, a registered nurse; have two sons - Steve, an appraiser with the Federal Land Bank, and Charles, a landscaper in Birmingham.



Newly elected officers for the Alabama Cattlemen's Association include local resident Max Bozeman (second from left) as president-elect. Other officers include Eric Smith, president; Orland Brinnell, vice president; Ned Ellis, treasurer; and Billy Powell, executive vice president.



MEMBERS OF THE ELBA FIRE DEPARTMENT discuss the situation Wednesday afternoon, March 15, after extinguishing a fire inside the home located at 864 Washington Avenue. The fire department was dispatched to the scene of the structure fire at approximately 3:37 p.m. last Wednesday afternoon. They were able to quickly gain control of the fire and put it out before it spread across the home. Also responding to the scene were units from the Elba Police Department, Coffee County EMS and the City of Elba Electric Department. The scene above shows firefighters discussing the situation with Chief Danny Jordan while fans were being used to extract smoke from the residence.

Sen. Holley/Rep. Spicer speak at Legislative Breakfast held in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With a crowd of approximately 50 people in attendance, Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer attended a Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce Friday morning, March 10, to speak of matters being considered and decided by the Alabama Legislature.

In what Rep. Spicer referred to as a record year, he said legislators want to be conservative not liberal with budgets.

At the time of the breakfast, Rep. Terry Spicer

Holley said the current legislative session was a "breakthrough" for the state. He said he was pleased with the progress made and the support of the Alabama Legislature.

Sen. Jimmy Holley said the education budget had passed the House and Senate.

"I believe it's the best education budget I've ever voted for," said Holley. "We were able to do a lot of good things for public education."

Through the education budget, Spicer said legislators

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Elba Chamber of Commerce plans "Dining for Signs" event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Dining for Signs" event in August of 2004. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the purchase of a lighted, brick sign to be placed at the Highway 87 (Troy Highway) entranceway into the

City of Elba.

Chamber officials said the event was an overwhelming success, and construction of the enhanced welcoming tool recently was completed at the Hwy. 87 entranceway.

Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, announced this

week that the chamber is planning a second "Dining for Signs" event for Thursday, May 18, at the Elba Recreation Center, Claxton Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

"We had a great response from the first 'Dining for Signs' and look forward to this upcoming event," Whitworth said. "Plans are to use funds raised through this effort to construct a welcome sign at the Highway 84 East entranceway into Elba."

As before, tables will be sponsored by different members of the community during "Dining for Signs." The event will include a catered meal and entertainment.

For more information regarding "Dining for Signs" contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.

Area Happenings

ATTENTION: There will be a meeting Thursday, March 30, at 6 p.m. at New Ebenezer Baptist Church (Curtis community) for the purpose of starting a Volunteer Fire Department in the Curtis Community. Anyone living within a 5-mile radius of the water well is asked to attend this meeting. Ray Mott of the Alabama Forestry Commission will be at the meeting to help organizers get started. For questions, call 897-2583.

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY has announced that qualifying for election year 2006 is underway and will continue up until Friday, April 7, at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in qualifying as a Democrat for any of the upcoming elections may contact Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273, ext. 209 or (334) 897-0395 anytime.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF JACK will sponsor the Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel pageants Saturday, April 1, at the Zion Chapel High School auditorium. Future Little Miss and Little Miss will begin at 8 p.m. Junior Miss and Miss will begin at 6:30 p.m. All area queens are invited to attend.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 6, at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at (334) 894-2077.

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session Thursday, March 16.

The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 37 cases handling down 33 indictments with 29 being felonies and four being misdemeanors. The Grand Jury also returned four no bills.

Arraignments for indictments handed down by this Grand Jury are scheduled for Thursday, April 13, at the Elba Courthouse.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

"Ending the killing in the Sudan is a U.S. responsibility." That was the results of a recent poll someone sent an e-mail about. The poll conclusion in itself is not surprising until one tries to balance it with the heated arguments heard on the tube that the vast majority of Americans think the U.S. should get out of Iraq . . . immediately. One of the reasons given for getting out of the Middle East is that America is not the world's police force. The logic for the U.S. stepping into the Sudan internal war is not explained by our "informers", just that their poll of 1,000 Americans overwhelmingly mandates that the United States has an obligation to stop this killing. It does seem senseless, but we are not sure either side in this African country will listen to the great wisdom of the rich, cocky Americans . . . the Middle East Arabs obviously don't put much stock in our opinions.

Advertisement for bids for the CDBG project to upgrade a section of the Elba sewer system begins this week in The Elba Clipper. Many of the older sections of the sewer collection system are falling apart and need this upgrade. However due to high cost, the work is being done in small bits as federal grant monies become available. Once the successful contractor starts the 90 day project summer motorist in Elba will experience travel disruptions as it requires some main streets to be dug up while pipe are replaced. That is the price of progress and the community needs a bunch more of such.

Gasoline prices in Coffee County are back to \$2.50 a gallon for regular gas and at a time when the national press is reporting dropping wholesale prices. This causes confusion with our regular folks, but the opposite reaction also can boggle our minds. The up and down effect as the price fluctuations filter down to the branchheads just adds to the frustrations of cash strapped motorists. The scary thing is that people will probably look back to "the good old days of \$2.50 gasoline" just as we mossy backs now recall 25¢ a gallon of the late 1940's and early 1950's! Energy experts are predicting a worldwide 50% increase in the demand for energy over the next 15 years. Most of that demand is expected to come from China and other emerging Asian countries. All this makes it almost a requirement that alternate sources of energy are developed and/or improved. Either alternate energy or Americans must start buying heavier jackets for winter and pulling out those old fashioned funeral home fans in the summer time. Add in a bit more walking than is common in today's society.

Chocolate is good for you heart . . . or is it? A group of scientists report developing a formula with the magic touch. It will reportedly lower cholesterol, relax blood vessels and maybe even chase off heart disease. Dutch researchers report older men eating a lot of chocolate have a 50 percent lower risk of dying from any disease. That raises the question of what in the world do they die from? Anyway, we have at least one child to whom this will sound like music from heaven! She has commented that as far as she is concerned the perfect government food pyramid would have a heavy chocolate base and a thick chocolate peak.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 13, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one recovered property, one death, three for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one burglary, two for an attempt to commit a controlled substance crime, two for criminal mischief, one damage to property, one unauthorized use, two for assault, one resisting arrest, one discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, one duty to remain and one theft of property.

The following arrests were made: three for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for assault, one for resisting arrest, two for manufacturing and two for trafficking.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for running a stop sign, one for duty to remain and three for a vehicle ordinance violation.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAR. 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1209 Farris (3:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 627 Mullins Circle (3:52 p.m.); Wreck reported at Cook Chevrolet (5:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the county jail (6:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 605 Kendrick St. (6:57 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAR. 14 - Domestic disturbance in

progress reported at 967 Carver Dr. (1:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 229 Dr. Roberts Dr. (6:45 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 15 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a structure fire at 864 Washington Ave. (3:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 864 Washington Ave. (3:37 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trash fire out of control on County Rd. 360 (4:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 360 (4:20 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAR. 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 903 Carver (3:01 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire behind the residence of 1475 Hwy. 84 E. (7:08 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 415 (9:23 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAR. 17 - Minor wreck reported in the Wachovia parking lot (1:55 p.m.); Minor wreck reported in Fred's parking lot (2:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 970 County Rd. 409 (5:06 p.m.).

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H&R Block

The H&R Block franchise has been in Elba since 1974 under three different ownerships, first by Jerry Kirkland, then by Annette Johnson and now by TALLI Corporations, Tim and Lisa Johnson owners, the son and daughter-in-law of the late Mrs. Johnson.

The local office is one of nine H&R Block franchises operated by the Elba natives.

The business has had several locations since it was founded, but after the March 1998 flood the office found its current home in the shopping center at 985 AL Highway 203 in Elba.

"Even though we operate several offices around the state, the Elba office will always have great favor with me since I have been working in the office since I was 14. My mother put me to work in the back room copying and sometimes preparing returns in the afternoons after school," said Tim. "Also, it is always a pleasure to interact with our clients in Elba and assist them with tax and financial decisions. Many of the people have been coming to H&R Block for tax preparation since my mother was running the business and Lisa and I were small children."

According to Lisa, she never thought back when her mother-in-law "summoned her to her office and had already decided H&R Block would be a good part-time seasonal job for her, a mother with young children (Lisa has three children, now 12)" she would wind up sharing the reins of running nine offices around the state on a year-round, more than full time, basis with her husband.



The H&R Block staff at the Elba office includes (from left): Tim Johnson (owner), Katherine Gore, Catherine Hudson, Velma Moore, Lisa Johnson (owner), Fay Goodson (not pictured) Linda Mills.

Tim and Lisa give credit for the success of the local office to its greatest asset, the highly trained and dedicated staff that has become the face of H&R Block in Elba.

Along with Tim and Lisa, the local staff consisting of Catherine Hudson, Velma Moore, Linda Mills, Katherine Gore and Fay Goodson has combined experience of more

than 73 years in the tax business. Each of the tax professionals annually takes tax classes to keep skills and knowledge up-to-date and be able to help each client based on the individual tax situations.

The staff not only knows most of the clients from a professional standpoint but also on a personal level through their civic and church activities.

In addition to being the tax people and a bustling local office, the Elba H&R Block office serves as the home office of TALLI Corporation, a management company for

TALLI 1 and TALLI 2 corporations and TCJ Financial Corporation and employs more than 90 people throughout Alabama.

Tim and Lisa agree that with offices spread throughout Alabama, Elba is not the most central location from which to operate their franchises, but they have never thought of being anywhere else except here at home with their friends and clients in Elba. They invite everyone to do business here in their hometown with a nationally recognized name in the tax and financial industry.

ALERT

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please!

Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted.

All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instructions. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Elba High School Band Day 2006
Saturday, April 15* • On the Square
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Tickets for Band Day barbecue plates can be purchased from Joyce at Robbie & Sons Dry Cleaners, Eva at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office or from any high school or elementary school band student. Tickets are \$6 per plate, and barbecue can be picked up on

Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on the square.

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• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Courtroom: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

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• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• LEADS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office.

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• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear EHS Class of 1961:

Thank you for your recent donation in memory of classmate Robert E. Parker.

The addition of two books by Elba native, Robert Inman, will enhance our collection. As always, bookplates will be attached to specify a memorial gift. I will send a letter acknowledging your memorial to Bobby's family.

I, along with the students and staff, appreciate your continued support of your alma mater.

Respectfully,

Margaret B. Calhoun, LMS

Dear Editor,

If there is one thing Alabama cannot afford to do, it is to allow the Democrats to establish a method by which they can get liberal activist judges in charge of the Alabama state court system again.

For decades, they controlled almost all of the state courts - the appeal courts and the state Supreme Court - and those courts became more of a legislative body than a judiciary. The courts were stacked with mostly ultraliberal judges who were supported and promoted by the trial lawyers.

Many of their rulings were far-reaching and radical. As a result, Alabama became known nationwide as a "tort hell". With the hostile attitude of the courts toward the business community, corporations would not come to Alabama, and many moved out of state to more friendly and fair atmospheres.

A few years ago, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce published a survey concerning legal reform and noted that Alabama

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was rated 48th of 50 for fairness, impartiality and competency. It concluded states receiving high marks for fairness have an advantage over states such as Alabama.

It was not until after the Alabama Legislature passed a tort reform bill and the Supreme Court seats were filled with elected conservative and moderate Republican judges that corporations began developing more industry in this state. As a result, residents now have access to hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs.

Unemployment is at an all-time low, the state surplus is at an all-time high and the governor is proposing a tax reduction for all citizens. Also, the governor has been working with a task force for the purpose of developing industry in the Black Belt.

When the judges were mostly all Democrats, the Democrats thought the system was just fine and resisted doing anything about changing the election process. Now that they have lost control of the courts, they are anxious to change the rules. The people of Alabama can't afford it.

Lee Froedge

B'FAST

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were able to fund the Alabama Reading Initiative along with a math initiative on tap. Also, he said they were able to put a focus on the importance of physical education and get more nurses in the schools.

Both Holley and Spicer said they will continue to work to do everything they can to protect education dollars.

Spicer also discussed an economic development bill he supports. He said often times incentives such as site preparation are

Obituaries

WILLIE MERL TURNER

Mrs. Willie Merl Turner, age 84, died Saturday, March 11, 2006 at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Center, N.Y.

Funeral services were held March 17, 2006 at Popular Springs Missionary Baptist Church of New Brockton, Ala., with Rev. Anthony Felton officiating. Burial followed at Hardshell Cemetery of New Brockton with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Gaston and Mattie Coleman; her husband, Earlie B. Turner; and a sister, Catherine Coleman.

Survivors include a daughter: Janet (husband Darius) Burton, Baldwin Long Island, N.Y.; two sons: Charles D. Turner, Baldwin Long Island, N.Y.; Paul F. Turner, Far Rockaway, N.Y.; two grandchildren: Darius Burton, Coram Rock Island, N.Y.; Danielle Burton, Baldwin Long Island, N.Y.; and one great-grandchild.

REBECCA THERSIA (BUSBEE) JENKINS

Mrs. Rebecca Thersia (Busbee) Jenkins, age 82, of Foley, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Monday, March 20, 2006 at South Baldwin Regional Medical Center in Foley.

Graveside services and burial were held Wednesday, March 22, 2006, beginning at 2 p.m., at the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Roger Miller officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Jenkins was preceded in death by a brother, Woodrow W. Busbee.

Survivors include four sons: David Jenkins, Foley, Benny Wilson Jenkins, Opelika, Ala.; Joseph E. Jenkins, Augusta, Ga.; Michael Jenkins, Ohio; three daughters: Mary Ann Jenkins Price, New Albany, Ind.; Nina Sue Jenkins Shambor, Rock Hill, S.C.; Nancy Jenkins, Augusta, Ga.; one brother: Ben Hur Busbee, Shalimar, Fla.; one sister: Hazel Busbee Clark, New Brockton, Ala.; 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

CHARLES HARDEN

Charles Harden passed away on Monday, March 13, 2006 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral announcements will be made later.

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The family of Yera Lols Edgar expresses our sincere and deepest appreciation for the love and concern shown for our beloved wife and mother during the 4 years of her sickness and going home. A special thanks to the doctors, hospitals, Wiregrass Hospice Staff and friends for food, calls, flowers, visits at funeral home and her funeral. We feel the Lord was pleased with her memorial service. Thanks for a job well done by Hayes Funeral Home. May God bless every one of you.
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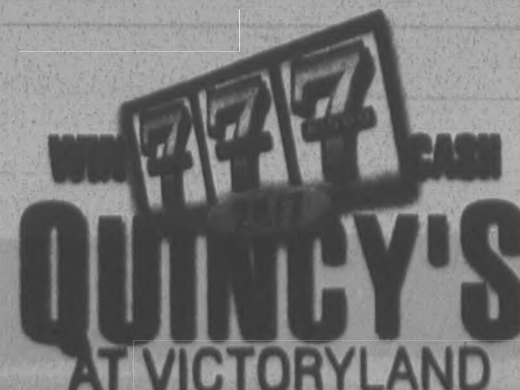
Thursday, March 30-Enter big prize drawings for a Dell

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LIFESTYLES



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Doris Parrish, Mrs. Katie (Crowe) Parrish-honoree, Mrs. Nancy Crowe and Mrs. Annie Laurie Wright

Mrs. Katie Crowe Parrish honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Mrs. Katie Crowe Parrish, bride of Mr. Jamie O. Parrish, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the Old South Inn on Sunday afternoon, March 12, 2006. On either side of the double front doors stood a white hurricane lantern lighted and adorned with a lovely swag fashioned from a variety of spring flowers and greenery. Mrs. Ceina Spicer greeted the guests and directed them to the registry table, which held a crystal vase filled with carnations, gladiolus, daisies, and greenery. Ma. Emily Crowe, sister of the bride, attended the registry. The guests were then presented to Mrs. Katie Parrish, the honoree. Mrs. Nancy Crowe, mother of the honoree; Mrs. Doris Parrish, mother of the groom; and Mrs. Annie Laurie Wright, maternal grandmother of the honoree. In the living room the guests enjoyed a refreshing sparkling punch served from a crystal punch bowl surrounded by pink rose buds and asparagus fern. A lovely arrangement of pink carnations, spirea, pink gladiolus, pink blossoms, and greenery served as the background for the

Down Home Festival planned by New Brockton

On Saturday, April 29, 2006, New Brockton will host a downhome festival with an amateur barbecue cook-off between local barbecue experts; down home cooking contests; peanut butter desserts; arts and crafts; and well-known entertainment. Reserve this day to come to the farm center in New Brockton.

For arts and crafts, call Barbara Cole at 894-0255 (leave message). Local artists are encouraged to sign up.

For barbecue cook-off, call Stan Windham at 894-5596 or Charles Cole at 894-5283 (winner will receive local recognition and special award).

For peanut butter desserts, call Ann Haney at 894-6741.

For food concessions, call Annette Williams at 894-5283.

Reserve the day on your calendar now. Come out and enjoy this special day with the homefolks!

Driver Safety Program for age 50 & older offered April 4-5

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be offered April 4-5 at the Elba City Library community room from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

This is an 8-hour classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older.

Call Nell Gilmer, 334/897-1255 to sign up for the course. Limited to 20. Minimal course fee.

NEW ARRIVAL

ABBY ELIZABETH FULLER



Suzanne and Perry Fuller of McKinney, Texas announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Elizabeth.

Abby was born Dec. 15, 2005 at 5:39 p.m. at Medical Center of McKinney. At birth, she weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Cousins include Harvel Fuller and the late Betty Fuller of Elba, Catherine Davis of Andalusia and Ronnie Davis of Opp.

Abby was welcomed home by her big sister, Emily, age 12.

Whitney Hobson serves on staff at TeenPact

Whitney Hobson spent Monday, March 13, 2006 through Friday, March 17, 2006 as a staffer at TeenPact. She had been to TeenPact twice before as well as TeenPact National and had successfully interviewed for the leadership positions. TeenPact is a Christian organization formed in 1994 to train young Christians in the role of government and the true relationship of Church and State; that there is a biblical separation between Church and Government. Throughout the week the students learn the legislative process inside and out, to include writing their own bills, introducing them in committees, adding amendments and trying to get them voted on by the legislative body. In addition, there are daily devotionals, motivating speeches by various Christians in government, and some role games. The nation's only recognized program holds two classes in Alabama each year during the regular legislative session and is open to Christian youth, ages 12-18. More information can be obtained at 222.teenpact.com.

At Whitney completed her week long stint as a staffer, she reported to Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, where she led the young ladies (teenagers) of that church in Disciple Now. (Disciple Now is a weekend-long Christian development seminar for the youth of the church). Whitney had a curriculum to go by, where she was tasked with developing four different training classes focusing on the Christian aspect of "It's Not All About Me." Whitney attends the youth program at Gateway Baptist Church-Montgomery and was asked to lead the youth at Highland Avenue Baptist Church because of her reputation as a Christian leader.

During regular weeks, Whitney is a junior at Emerald Mountain Christian School and is president of the local Generation Joshua Club.

She is the daughter of Rich and Susie Hobson of Montgomery and the granddaughter of Richard and Charlotte Hobson of Elba.

Mary-Brooklyn Kay Moore celebrates third birthday

Mary-Brooklyn Kay Moore had her 3rd birthday on January 17, 2006.

She celebrated with all her uncles, aunts, cousins and grandparents.

Her parents entertained with a Barbie Birthday theme and all the children played games and enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Brooklyn is the daughter of Randle and Sonya Moore of Kinross. She has a little brother, Camden.

Her grandparents are Randle and Sandra Moore of Opp and Silas and Mary Simmons of the Victoria Community.

Great grandparents are Doug and Mary Hawthorne of Kinross and Jeanette Simmons of the Victoria Community.

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Amy Jones & Nolen Jackson

Amy Jones and Nolen Jackson set June 24th wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Winston Jones of Opp, Alabama, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Amy Jones, to Mr. James Nolen Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Manning Jackson III of Opp.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bess of Kinross and Mrs. Doris Jones and the late Mr. Winston Jones of Opp.

Miss Jones is a 1999 graduate of Kinross High School. She graduated from Troy University in 2004 where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in K-6 Collaborative/Elementary Education. She plans to graduate from Auburn University in December 2006, with a Masters in Special Education with an emphasis in Autism and Behavior Disorders. Miss Jones is currently a K-6 Special Education teacher at Mulberry Creek Elementary School in Cataula, Georgia.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence Nolen of Opp and Mrs. Virginia Jackson and the late Mr. Johnny Manning Jackson III of Opp.

Mr. Jackson is a 1999 graduate of Opp High School. He graduated from Auburn University in 2005 where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He is currently employed with an accounting firm in Montgomery, Alabama.

The couple will be married on June 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at Ino Baptist Church in Kinross. No formal invitations will be sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Governor's Mansion to be open for Spring Garden Tour

The Governor's Mansion and grounds will be open to the public April 1-2 for a special spring garden tour. Hours will be 9-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. The mansion is located in Montgomery at 1142 South Perry Street. Free tickets for the tour can be picked up at the Governor's Mansion Gift Shop located across from the mansion's side entrance at 30 Finley Avenue. Tickets are only available on the day of the tour.

Garden experts will be on hand Saturday to give presentations on spring gardening. Scheduled speakers include representatives of Southern Homes and Gardens, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Encore Azaleas, and the Southern Garden Historical Society. Sunday afternoon a series of special singing performances are scheduled.

More information about the Governor's Mansion Spring Garden Tour and a complete schedule of speakers and performers is available by going online at www.800alabama.com or by calling 1-800-ALABAMA. The Year of Outdoor Alabama highlights the Alabama Governor's Mansion.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Ron Stallard-Pastor
Elba Church of God

Why America needs a strong Church

We get bad news of churches being burned. We are always hearing about what a terrible state of evil we are in. Many would give the Devil credit for everything going wrong. I disagree with this attitude. Yes churches are being burned; yes murder and Mahan are all around us. Drugs and immoral activity are always in the news but I know that God is still on the throne. This is not the first time the gospel of Jesus Christ has been announced during trying times. The biggest turning point for our Lord Jesus came in the Devil's back yard. Matt 16:13. When Jesus came into the courts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? Matt 16:18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19: And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

This great announcement came in a place far from the religious leaders. Caesarea Philippi was a town built for Caesar's son Philip. This region was known for its idol worship, its humanistic worship of man, Mythology, Immorality, and Rebellion. This was the time in Jesus life where He turned for the cross on Calvary. He was in a place that had seen every immoral act there was, but among these 14 hills built to worship false gods, Jesus announced for the first time he was building a Church. The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

Persecutions have always resulted in the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We can expect a great outpouring of God's blessings in our churches, our towns and our country. Nothing can come against God. Balaam learned that no one can curse what God has blessed. Keep praying and know and believe that The Church of Jesus Christ will always be a winner. Keep our churches strong because we have a promise of support from heaven.

Cross Over Ministry to hold annual banquet in Opp

Cross Over Ministry (our Faith based non-profit rehabilitation program) will be having their second annual banquet, at The First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Opp. This will be Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The program will be exciting and uplifting. Reservation have to be made by April 3rd. You may do this by calling 334-493-1030.

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Gold City to be in concert at Country Cathedral Assembly of God

Gold City will be in concert at Country Cathedral Assembly of God on Friday, March 31, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Country Cathedral is located on HWY 84 East about 5 miles east of Opp, AL. Everyone is encouraged to attend. No admission will be charged, but a love offering will be received. For more information, call 334-493-7413 or visit www.countrycathedral.com.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to have Church Dedication Service

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be having a church dedication service for new church building on Sunday April 2, 2006 starting at 11:00 AM. Brother Larry Wilson, from Kentucky, will be conducting the service on April 2 thru April 4 with services starting at 7:00 PM nightly. Pastor Roy Turner and the church congregation invite everyone to attend.

For more information please call 334/47-0569 or 334/894-5021.

Dr. Shorosh to present local bible conference on Understanding End of Time Bible Prophecy

Internationally known Apologist/Evangelist will be presenting Local Bible Conference on understanding End Time Bible Prophecy. In the end of the world near? Does the war against terrorism in Iraq fulfill Bible prophecy? Yes, there are concrete answers to questions regarding the end times. The opportunity is at hand to hear Dr. Asim (Asim) Shorosh as he presents biblically based answers to the many questions concerning the end of the world.

His in-depth analysis "Understanding End Time Bible Prophecy" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on March 26th and 6:30 p.m. on the 27th at Basin Baptist Church, Elba, and will conclude with two final sessions at 6:30 p.m. on March 28th and 29th at New Haven Baptist Church, Elba. For church directions call 334-897-3828. Sessions will conclude with a question and answer period. As a liberated Palestinian

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***MARCH BIRTHDAYS
Melanese Shipman, March 21, Rev. Joe Smith Jr., March 22, Merita M. Rowe, March 23, James Starks, Jr., March 26, O.B. Daniels, March 26 (I.M.O.), Shari Yelverton, March 27

***ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY to be held at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, March 26.

The theme is: It's not about us, It's All About Him, Receiving The Benefits of Obedience. Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 3731 Hwy. 125-Elba.

***SOUL GOSPEL SINGERS PRE-ANNIVERSARY CONCERT will be held April 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the

South East District Singing Convention Building, near Stanley's Crossroads, County Rd. 377-Elba. Other groups featured will be:

The Spiritual Jubilees of Troy, The Holy Five-Dothan, Voices of Joy-Mobile and A.Z. Stoudmire and The Traveling Stars-Opp.

There is an admission charge. For advance ticket information call Sabrina Thomas, 566-1035, Alean Sims-493-7974, Catherine Burks-493-7346, Beth Williams-897-6786.

WELCOME TO THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUL GOSPEL SINGERS, Sunday, April 2, at 2:30 p.m. at the Southeast District Singing Convention Building located on County Rd. 377-Elba.

All groups, choirs and soloists are invited to participate and everyone is welcome to lift the name of Jesus.

***ANNUAL FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY to be held at the Bethlehem Baptist Church March 26 at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Fred Lowery, pastor of Helicon Missionary Baptist Church, Helicon, AL. Everyone is invited to attend.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: Question: What significant action was ordered by Judge Quincy in Boston, Mass. in 1794? Answer: Desegregation of the City's school.

Question: In what year did the first formal African American ballet troupe debut in New York? Answer: 1937.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

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Revival Services to be held at Damascus Baptist Church

Revival services beginning Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m. Services on Mon, Tues, & Wed, will begin at 7 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Roger Miller, pastor of First Baptist, Elba.

Special music each evening. Rev. Hubert McWaters is pastor. For more information call: 347-2198.

First Assembly of God to host Stan Meyer on March 30th

First Assembly of God will be hosting Stan Meyer from the South Florida branch of JESUS FOR JESUS on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 7:00 PM. He will be presenting "CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER" which is a 45 minute sermon demonstration in which Stan will explain from the front of the sanctuary the elements used in the Jewish Passover. He will explain the historical and spiritual significance as expressed in the Old Testament and how each of these elements anticipated and was fulfilled by Christ as the perfect Passover sacrifice. This presentation usually concludes with the Lord's Supper. As we all know, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He was actually celebrating the Passover. Please make plans to attend this interesting and educational presentation. First Assembly of God is located at 1320 Highland Drive just past the Elba General Hospital.

Vanderbilt hosting All Day Gospel Singing April 1st

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will be hosting an All Day Gospel Sing in their new Church on April 1, 2006, at 11:00 AM. Singing to begin at 12:00 PM. 12:00 PM till 1:00 PM Tommy & Tina Mann 1:00 PM till 2:00 PM Wilkersons 2:00 PM till 3:00 PM Old Southern Gospel Singers 3:00 PM till 4:00 PM The Steady Standers 4:00 PM till 5:00 PM Crossfire 5:00 PM till 6:00 PM Break 6:00 PM till 7:00 PM The Singing Miracles 7:00 PM till 8:00 PM Jack Assembly of God Choir 8:00 PM till 9:00 PM The Snellgroves

Cakes will be auctioned off between groups and at break.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be sold with all proceeds going to benefit Church Building Fund.

The Church is located on Coffee County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms.

Pastor Roy Turner and the church congregation everyone come and enjoy a blessing from our Lord. For more information contact 334/47-0569 or 334/894-5021

Church Directory

<p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, AL. Pastor: Richard Thorne, Sr. Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Nathan Carroll Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Pastor: Elsie Phillips-Copes Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Darrell Caldwell Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Tom Seem Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Robert Davis Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Marsha Randle Sun. School: 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor: E. H. Hill Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor: Matt Gray Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night Youth Deal and Children's Activities: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Hubert McWaters Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Don Grantham Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Bernard Strickland Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Tim Connelley Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Pastor: Ron Stallard Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Pastor: Rev. David Tadlock Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sun. Night: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Pastor: Allen Richards Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Rev. Billy Redd Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Roger Miller Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 2nd BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Stanley Carter Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Hubert McWaters Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor: Harold Bannin Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Danny Bradshaw Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Pastor: Rev. & Mary Simon Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Greg Hanchey Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Charles K. Jones Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: J. E. Parks Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Fred Fowler Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Richard B. Moss Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Larry Grimm Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Ray Layton Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: E. S. Williams Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Pastor: Mary Seavey Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Service: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Pastor: Hiron & Linda Williams Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Pastor: W. K. Ellison Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Wayne Webster Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Ben McKee Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Elbert Smith Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW ERENEZE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Duane Detamain Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Pastor: Elder Correllia Brennan Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. F. L. Flowers Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Ray Giles-Minister Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Joe Farris Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Earl Smith Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Roy L. Turner Sun. School: 10:00 a.m.<</p>
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COMMUNITY NEWS



THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY DONATE disposable diapers to the Coffee County Family Services Center. This is one of several caring for America Projects that the group participate in. Pictured Left to Right: Connie Wright, RWCC VP, Judy Crowley, Director CCFS, Jo Ruth English, CCFS and Sue Neuwien Pres. RWCC

Job Fair to be held at LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

LBW Community College and the Covington County Economic Development Commission invite the public to attend the Job Fair at the LBWCC - MacArthur Campus Conference Center on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The event will provide information to students and citizens of the surrounding area regarding employment opportunities as well as benefits and services available. Various groups including business and industry, LBW Community College, and various other agencies will be represented.

For more information contact Gail Trant (334) 222-7040 or Cindy Green (334) 493-5344.



5 generations present at Mary Weed Legg's birthday celebration. Pictured - Front - Mary Weed Legg - great great grandmother; back row: 1 to r. Betty Legg Coon-great grandmother; Maria Rivera Lawford-mother; Kendallyn Lawford-daughter; Debra Rivera-grandmother.

Weed Reunion to be held on last Saturday in April

The Weed School Reunion will be held on the last Saturday of April 2006 at the Fellowship Hall at the Week Baptist Church on the Old Three Notch Road, Brantley, Ala. The meat, the ice, and all serving utensils will be furnished. Registrations begin at 10:30 AM, lunch at 12:00 PM. Bring your spouse and a covered dish.

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Mary Weed Legg honored for her 96th birthday

Mary Weed Legg was recently entertained with a luncheon at a restaurant in Enterprise for her 96th birthday. All seven of her children-Joe Legg, Jeanette Prescott, Betty Coon, Joyce Aman, Billy Legg, Jacky Legg and Carolyn Killebrew and their spouses were in attendance. Many of her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-grandchildren from far north as New York and as far south as Florida were there. A special moment was had when a five generations picture was captured on film. Another treat for Mrs. Legg happened when the wait staff honored her with the song "Happy Birthday" sung to her in Chinese. Mrs. Legg currently resides at the Enterprise Nursing Home in Enterprise, AL.

Microsoft Office, Level 2 offered at Enterprise-Ozark Community College

The Enterprise campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College will be offering MICROSOFT OFFICE, Level 2 on Saturdays for four weeks, beginning March 4 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. This class is designed for students who have had prior computer experience and are familiar with basic skills such as creating files and saving documents. Completion of Microsoft Office, Level 1 is preferred but not required. This is a comprehensive course that will provide in-depth coverage of the Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint programs. At the end of the course, students should be able to produce professional looking letters, memos, faxes, spreadsheets, and slide presentations. The cost for the course is \$120. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext 2209. Students should bring a 3.5" disk to the first class session.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY ELBA DIVISION Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by William T. Brooks, Jr. and wife Fannie Lois Brooks to Mirad Financial Group, a California corporation, dated October 20, 1998, said mortgage being recorded in Book 35-A, Page 193, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division). Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to The Chase Manhattan Bank, AS Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1.

The undersigned, The Chase Manhattan Bank, AS Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division), during the legal hours of sale, on April 13, 2006, the following real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot No. 7, Block "B", of Kennedy Estates, a subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 80, in the Probate Office of Elba, Alabama. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon. Said property is commonly known as 709 Roosevelt Drive, Elba, AL 36323. The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Mortgage and Note, including but not limited to the nonpayment of the indebted-

ness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Mortgage and Note. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is William T. Brooks, Jr. and Fannie Lois Brooks or tenants. THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 1999-LB1 as holder of said mortgage

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Astris Energi Inc. delivers generators to Mobile Attic

Astris Energi Inc. (OTCBB:ASRNF) announced it has shipped the initial order of Alkaline Fuel Cell (AFC) Generators to Mobile Attic Inc. Each of the generators will be used to evaluate the value of a clean and quiet power solution for Mobile Attic's portable storage product.

Mobile Attic has considerable manufacturing expertise and will be using the Model E7 Astris generators to enhance their existing product portfolio with mobile storage units with added onboard power. The Astris fuel cell system was selected because of the clean and quiet operation and the favorable economics.

During the last week representatives from Mobile Attic attended training onsite at Astris.

"Mobile Attic is very happy to take delivery from Astris Energi," said Pete Cash, president of Mobile Attic. "We believe this will allow us to provide units with onboard power that can be used as operation centers in emergency situations and we are currently evaluating a number of other applications." "We are excited to have the opportunity to work with Mobile Attic - a leader in portable storage facilities," said Peter Nor, vice president marketing and corporate development of Astris Energi. "In this particular application, the quiet

Alzheimer's conference set for March 29th in Dothan

Richard E. Powers, M.D., and Kathy Laurenhue will speak at the 17th annual Alzheimer's Conference Wednesday, March 29, at the Dothan Conference Center, 3113 Oxmoor Industrial Blvd., Dothan. Dr. Powers, geriatric psychiatrist and neurologist, will give an update on the Prevention and Management of Dementia.

In his four lectures, he will contrast Alzheimer's disease to other forms of dementia and discuss new research on understanding causes of intellectual loss. He will also describe common behavioral problems produced by all the dementia and give updates on the newest guidelines for the use of psychotropic medication and managing behavioral abnormalities. Dr. Powers will distinguish the dementia of Alzheimer's disease from intellectual loss associated with Parkinson's, and he will outline the role of strokes in the development of dementia.

Kathy Laurenhue, whose topic will be "Brain Aerobics," will provide information to assist professional and family caregivers. "We emphasize having fun finding mentally stimulating activities that you enjoy and building from your strengths," she says. "Relaxing, having a positive attitude and laughing are very important parts of

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ELBA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PAGES FOR STATE SENATE MEMBERS. Senator Jimmy Holley received help during this current legislative session thanks to a young man from his district. Richard Wade Kindred of Elba served as a page in the legislature. Wade assisted the senate members and staff on the floor during the meetings. "It was a great opportunity for me to learn the legislative process and to obtain a better understanding of our government. I worked for three days in Montgomery and had the opportunity to meet Governor Riley and Lt. Gov. Bentley. I would like to serve as a Senator or Representative when I retire from a branch of the military in service to my country." Kindred is pictured with Baxley. Wade is the son of Dale (Boswell) Kindred of Elba and Richard H. Kindred of Reno, Nev.

The cost is \$65 after March 22, if space is available. The registration fee includes conference, refreshments, lunch, notebook and certificate of completion. To register by phone, with VISA or MasterCard, call Connie Shepherd at 334-556-2205.

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YEARBOOK SALES

by Shawnda Whitfield

Yearbooks go on sale April 5-14. This year yearbooks will be \$40 because of being in all color.

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Senior Beta Club inducts nine new members

by Gale Olson

On Thursday, March 2, Senior Beta officers, Kayla Kelley, Ashleigh Waddell, Kendall Stinson and Gale Olson inducted new members into Senior Beta.

Senior Beta is an academic honor society that focuses on volunteer community service. Each member is required to maintain an A/B average and fulfill a number of community service hours.

The honor club concentrates on motivating each student to maintain his or her grades while staying involved with the school and community, which only produce well-rounded youth.

Currently there are 67 members of Senior Beta. The nine new deserving members are Chase E. Boutwell, Kishwana



Tiger Tales

Editors:
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Sr. Beta's New Members... (top l to r) Chase Boutwell, Jamey Greek, Micheal Hall, Trey Martin and Martin McCormick; (bottom l to r) Laura Grover, Kishwana Cole and Daneesha Jordan. Not pictured: Trey Grantham.

Two seniors up for National Beta Club scholarship

by Timothy Jackson

As the school year comes to an end, millions of high school seniors are frantically scurrying about to wrap up some last minute resumes in hopes of receiving that precious scholarship money.

In each of the past years, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, the school's librarian and the sponsor of Elba's Senior Beta Club, has sent in applications of numerous students to the

National Beta Club Scholarship Program, a contest in which 1,010 students undergo a selection process.

Only the final 210 students are given scholarships.

This year, the senior classes' valedictorian, Casey Medlock, and salutatorian, Kayla Kelley, were chosen by a committee to be submitted as Elba's top two participants.

For the first time in Elba High School's history, our top two candidates were named semi-finalists and are embarking on the final stages of the selection process.

If chosen, they will receive a scholarship given by The National Beta Club and some much-deserved recognition among Elba's high school body.

Congratulations, Kayla and Casey, on helping this small town of Elba stand-out and making your community proud!

EES Happenings

by Judson Vaughan

March 29th - Kindergarten and 1st Grade

April 2nd - Daylights Saving Times

April 4th - 13th SAT

April 14th - Good Friday Holiday

April 19th - Progress Reports Go Home

April 21st - Field Day

April 25th - Grandparents Day

May 4th & 5th - Kindergarten Registration

May 12th - Awards Day

Athletic Schedule for March

March 27 - JV Softball @ EHS vs Samson 4:00

Golf @ Andalusia 12:30

March 28 - Varsity Baseball @ EHS vs New Brockton 4:30

JV Softball @ EHS vs Luverne 4:00

March 30 - Varsity Softball @ Andalusia 4:00

Golf @ Troy C.C. 1:00

March 31 - Varsity Baseball @ Zion Chapel 4:00

Two Elba High juniors attend AEC Youth Tour in Montgomery

by Lauren McClung

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, two juniors from EHS traveled to Montgomery to attend the AEC Youth Tour.

Brianna Bailey and Jason Johnson left Elba at 10 a.m. that morning along with six other juniors from Pike County, Andalusia and Opp high schools.

When they arrived they set off to a dinner theater where Leslie Bailey was their hostess. They

then went to their hotel for a night's sleep.

When they awoke, they ate breakfast and toured the capitol. As they were touring the Statehouse, the group spotted Gov. Bob Riley and took several photographs. The rest of the evening was spent meeting several legislators and attending a College Council lecture.

That night they bonded with their group by going bowling and eating pizza. The next morning was spent seeing the State Archives and the Rosa Parks Museum.

They ate lunch with all the legislators at the South Terrace on the Capitol. It was an overall exciting experience for both participants.

Brianna also gets to attend the AEC Youth Tour in Washington D.C. this summer for more fun and new people.

Congratulations to both for doing so well.

McClung/Anderson chosen to represent Elba as Miss and Junior Miss queens

by Clara Burrows



Lauren McClung 2006 Miss Elba

There were many different things in this year's Miss Elba pageant: more dances and more categories. There were five categories: photogenic, written communication, verbal communication, evening gown and interview.

"The most stressful part of the pageant was the interview with the three judges for five minutes each," said newly chosen Miss Elba Lauren McClung. "I got really nervous, but I tried to stay calm."

JV softball team places second in tourney

by Stephanie Corder

With a bunch of hard working girls, some swinging bats, and a great defense, the EHS Junior Varsity softball team came home with a second place win from the Luverne tournament.

Saturday, March 11, was an early morning. The Elba team arrived in Luverne ready to face their first opponent, Highland Home.

Lindsey Canley struck out 10 batters, but unfortunately Highland Home came out on top. Even with the upset, the girls kept their game face on and planned to go all the way.

Their next opponent was the Luverne Tigers. With nine strikeouts and some great plays, the Elba Tigers came out on top. They weren't going home, and they were on their way to the



Megan Anderson 2006 Jr. Miss Elba

next game. Their next win was crucial for this win would send them to the championship game.

Their third opponent was rival Zion Chapel. With Canley pitching a one-hitter, the defense stepping up to aid her and the bats swinging, Elba was now headed to the championship game with a 7-1 win over Zion Chapel.

Very excited, yet very tired, the girls were facing their toughest opponent yet, Brantley.

They fought hard, and used up every bit of energy they had. Unfortunately, Brantley took the lead and held on for the win.

Nevertheless, the Lady Tigers kept their heads high and showed their true Elba pride.

They were happy to come home with the second place trophy.

In the last game of the tournament, the Lady Tigers lost 3-1 in extra innings.

"Samson had a good pitcher and we were unable to pick up her pitches," said Sophomore Ashley Carpenter.

"With every team we faced, we put up a tough fight and provided good competition!" exclaimed Stephanie Badley.

In the tournament, overall, Melanie Mularz had four hits with two of them coming against Samson. Haley Stinson had two hits, and Whitney Lawford and Kendall Stinson had one hit each with Kendall hitting the game-winning hit against Excel.

JV girls and coaches with their second place trophy

Troy University selects five EHS seniors for interviews

by Gale Olson

On Friday, Feb. 17, Troy University invited five Elba High School seniors to attend Excellence in Leadership scholarship day.

Each senior had previously filled out a scholarship application, which entailed a listing of prior awards, leadership positions, and academic achievement from the ninth grade. After reviewing the applications, the selected seniors were notified for a scheduled interview.

The interview included questions and answers with a selected Troy University judge. Each applicant was interviewed on his or her resume that each sent in

through the application process.

The scholarship money is based on each senior's achievement in school and community work. The maximum amount awarded is \$3,500. Seniors were to be notified by the middle of March if they had received the leadership scholarship.

The five deserving seniors from Elba High School were: Dustin Rhoades, Ashley Canley, Justin Watkins, Gale Olson and Stacey Mitchell.

Varsity Lady Tigers compete in tourney

by Melanie Mularz

(Pictures by Laura Barclay)

During the weekend of March 10-11, the Elba Lady Tigers participated in the 2006 High School Fast Pitch Tournament in Andalusia.

14 teams competed and gave their best throughout the double elimination tournament. The Lady Tigers played four games with wins over Excel and T.R. Miller.

In their first game, the Lady Tigers pulled out a 2-1 victory in extra innings against the Excel Panthers.

Freshman Brandy Caldwell started pitching and did an outstanding job. With the help of the defense behind her, Brandy was able to pitch a three-hitter in four

innings. In the 5th inning, Stephanie Barclay came in and was able to strike out eight batters.

Next, the Tigers played the Andalusia Bulldogs and gave up a tough fight with a 2-1 loss. Because of key errors late in the game, the Lady Tigers were unable to come out with victory.

The Tigers battled back, however, and came out early Saturday morning to pull out a 5-3 win. Senior Stephanie Barclay struck out 13 batters while pitching a two-hitter.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



TINY MISS...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 sponsored the Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants Saturday, Feb. 11, in Elba. The winners in the Tiny Miss category included (from left): Kylee Rebecca VanNostrand, first runner up; Emma Lisa McClung, 2006 Tiny Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart; and Breanna Kate Graves, second runner up.



TOT MISS...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 sponsored the Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants Saturday, Feb. 11, in Elba. The winners in the Tot Miss category included (from left): Madison Layne Stephens, first runner up; Frances Brayton Martin, 2006 Tot Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart; and April Nichole Skipper, second runner up.



MINI MISS...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 sponsored the Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants Saturday, Feb. 11, in Elba. The winners in the Mini Miss category included (from left): Charbie Elisabeth Fuller, first runner up; Cassidy Johnson, 2006 Mini Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart; and Marley Shayne Jacobs, second runner up.

Tax incentives now available for energy-efficient products

Alabamians may be eligible for federal tax breaks if they buy energy-saving products and put them into use from January 2006 to December 2007, according to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

The breaks are included in the new federal Energy Policy Act. "Energy-efficient products save both energy and money," Gov. Bob Riley said. "These new federal tax incentives are just another benefit of using energy-saving products."

By making energy improvements to the home, residents can earn up to \$500 in tax credit. They can claim the credit for installing energy-efficient windows, doors, roofs, heating and cooling systems or insulation.

The act provides tax credits of up to 30 percent of the cost of purchasing and installing solar-powered hot water systems and solar photovoltaic panels in your home for a maximum of \$2,000 each. The two credits can be combined for a maximum of \$4,000.

Purchasing an electric or hybrid vehicle also can give a break at tax time. Buyers of hybrid vehicles, which run on a combination of gas and electric power, can get a tax credit between \$250 and \$3,400. A tax credit of up to \$4,000 is available to those who buy a car powered by rechargeable electric batteries.

For more information on incentives, go to www.energytaxincentives.org or contact the Energy, Weatherization and Technology division of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs at (800) 392-8098.



JUNIOR MISS...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 sponsored the Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants Saturday, Feb. 11, in Elba. The winners in the Junior Miss category included (from left): Cortlin Megan Lee, first runner up; Courtney Maclean Parrish, 2006 Junior Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart; and Danielle Elizabeth Turvin, second runner up.



MISS...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 sponsored the Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants Saturday, Feb. 11, in Elba. The winners in the Miss category included (from left): Kayla Dawn Young, first runner up; Nikki Hagler, 2006 Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart; and Anna Michelle Addison, second runner up.

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2006-07 school year. Cook will be located at New Brockton Elementary School.

Support
Accept the resignation of Heather Adcock as LPN/Special Education Aide at Zion Chapel School. Adcock's last day of work was Feb. 10, 2006 due to health reasons.

While also dealing with personnel issues, Ingram asked

Representative Terry Spicer & EOCC announce free educational programs for military personnel and their families

State Representative and Assistant to the President for Economic & Community Affairs, Terry Spicer (D-Elba), and Enterprise-Ozark Community College officials recently announced the college will provide free educational programs for military reservists, military veterans, and immediate family members.

The free programs will be available beginning April 1, 2006 via the internet and computer labs on the Enterprise and Ozark campuses. The programs will provide job related basic skills, computer literacy instruction and advanced software training, GED preparation, skill certification, and various other employability and workplace skills.

"With the sacrifices being made on a daily basis by our military personnel - and those especially of our National Guard and military reservists, the least EOCC can do is make these viable and much needed educational programs available to our military family free of charge," said Representative Terry Spicer.

This college is going to do everything it can possibly do to support the military mission - a major part of that as we see it is helping our veterans and reservists transition from active duty in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere back to into worthwhile and economically sustaining jobs here in the Wiregrass. This includes our military children as well. We are also making free programs available today that will help improve the reading and math skills of our service member children."

EOCC representatives will coordinate the programs available with National Guard officials and military liaisons of the various service branches in the local area. EOCC personnel will also coordinate with superintendents of education in Coffee, Dale, Pike, and Geneva counties to identify military

board members to give her permission to advertise for any possible positions the school system may have available for the upcoming school year. She said she wanted to get a jump on things in regards to filling vacant positions.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m.

families interested in accessing the free reading and math programs.

Anyone interested can contact Enterprise-Ozark Community College at (334) 347-2623 for further information about the programs.

The adult education programs are being offered by EOCC in cooperation with Impact Education, Inc. Adam Hall, Executive Vice President for the company said, "It has been our company's pleasure to work with The Veterans Corporation which was established by Congress to promote the advancement of veteran owned businesses by working with our servicemen and servicewomen! We are proud to have the opportunity here today to work with Representative Spicer and Enterprise Ozark Community College to improve the educational and work skills of our Wiregrass citizen soldiers and their families. This project is a natural extension of our work with The Veterans Corporation around the country."

EOCC will also offer "free of charge" Learning Through Sports' award-winning "Kid's College" reading and math program to children of activated and returning veterans that are currently in elementary school.

"Learning Through Sports is proud along with Enterprise-Ozark and Impact Education to show our support for our military community in this very important way. We are grateful to our troops for the job they do daily both here and abroad. Learning Through Sports is proud to do our part to help our military children improve their reading and math skills through this partnership with Representative Spicer and Enterprise Ozark Community College. This is what being an education company is all about - helping kids learn in a fun and motivational way," said Brian Shulman, Founder and President of Learning Through Sports, Inc.

New Brockton plans April 29 festival

On Saturday, April 29, New Brockton will host a down-home festival with an amateur barbeque cook-off between local barbeque experts, down home cooking concessions; peanut butter desserts; arts and crafts; and well-known entertainment. The day's events will be at the farm center in New Brockton.

For arts and crafts, call Barbara Cole at 894-2325 (leave message). Local artists are encouraged to sign up.

For barbeque cook-off, call Stan Windham at 894-5596 or

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COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Linda Ingram told board members Thursday evening, March 9, that progress to meet a finish date of April 15th is becoming more noticeable in regards to the renovation work at New Brockton High School. The renovation work began last summer, and school officials are looking forward to having the project completed. Ingram said contractors were hoping to get a great deal of work done during the two weeks of Spring Break. While discussing projects at New Brockton, Dr. Ingram also told board members that the field house at the New Brockton football stadium is being designed with bathrooms for the visitors to use. Currently, she said visitors have to walk to the home side of the stadium complex to use the bathroom facilities. The project regarding the field house was made possible through a \$100,000 donation made several months ago to help New Brockton High School upgrade all athletic facilities.

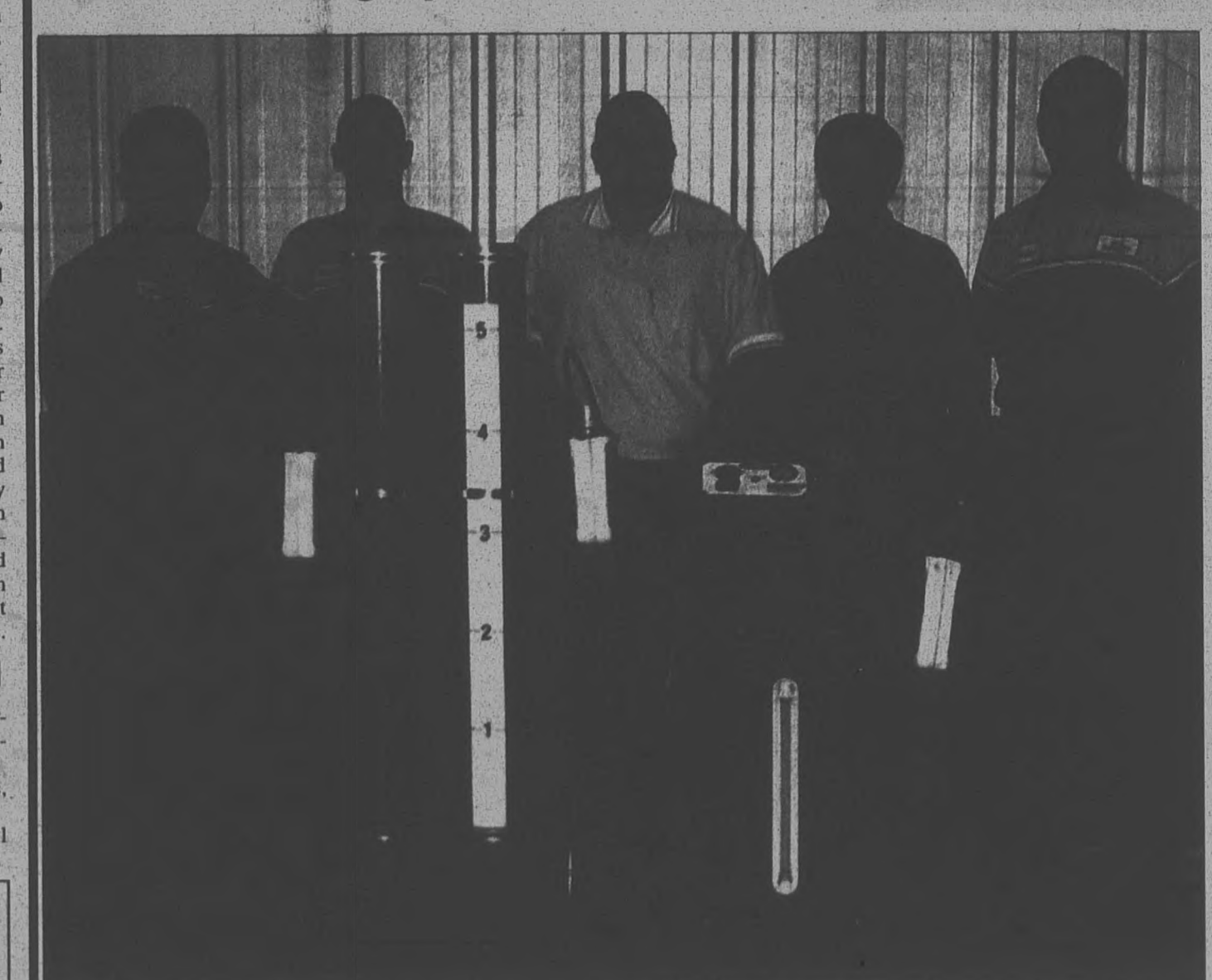
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During Elba City Council meeting

Mayor reports progress in bankruptcy court sale of Dorsey Trailer assets

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Fire Department has terms. That was the message Mayor James Grimes gave council members Monday evening during the regular meeting of Elba's City Fathers.

He quickly added that the problem has been addressed by exterminators and additional investigations are underway to find the destructive termites eating away any other city facility.

Grimes also informed council members that the budgeted \$23,000 in telephone tax will only be \$6,359.59 this year.

He explained the sudden drop in this tax source was explained by the phone company as "correcting a long running error." They had apparently been paying the Elba phone tax based on the entire county, rather than just on Elba. He said the company would not

be asking for credit on the over-payments but would pay the reduced amount from this year forward. Grimes said the city will have the "big bang" to keep finances within budget during this fiscal year.

On the positive side the mayor reported progress on the bankruptcy court sale of Dorsey Trailers. He said a 9:30 a.m. Monday conference call, originated by the courts, resulted in the court approved sale of Dorsey assets. A formal order is expected to be issued on this decision within the next few days.

The action should lead to again seeing new Dorsey trailers rolling off the assembly line within a few months.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchev reported the hiring of a new dispatcher to fill a vacancy created by a recent resignation. He also gave council members copies of the monthly activity report.

Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. asks for help

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is seeking public assistance in identifying the person(s) involved in several different episodes of criminal mischief at Camp Humming Hills Girl Scout Camp located on Coffee County Road 228.

Camp Humming Hills serves Girl Scouts from 16 surrounding counties. The camp is now open for the summer activities scheduled for the area troops.

Damages include cutting or ripping of tents and vulgarities spray painted on tents and picnic tables. Repairs needed to fix the damages in order to be ready for the summer activities have amounted to more than \$8,000.

Anyone with any information that will lead to the identity of the person(s) involved is encouraged to call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at (334) 894-5535, Enterprise Police Dispatch at (334) 347-2222 or Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama Inc. at (334) 272-9164.

Barnes announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County

Coffee County resident Ricky Barnes, a senior patrol officer, this week announced his plans to seek the office of Sheriff of Coffee County in the upcoming elections.

"I would like to be your next sheriff of Coffee County," Barnes said.

He and his wife, Patty, have a daughter, Brittany, and a son, Austin, who both attend Enterprise schools.

Barnes was hired by the City of Enterprise in Jan. 1983 after graduating college to serve as a police officer. He said he received his P.O.S.T. certification from the Montgomery Police Academy.

"If elected Sheriff, I will bring with me 23 years of law enforcement experience and knowledge," Barnes said. "I will continue to dedicate myself to

serve and protect the citizens of Coffee County."

Barnes said he has attended numerous local, state and federal law enforcement classes and certifications. He said he will continue to do so throughout his career to better serve the people of Coffee County.

"The county is growing rapidly, and like other counties, we too have problems," he said. "One of our major problems is drugs - Meth to be exact. We have got to put a stop to this by any means possible for the safety of our children and community as a whole."

Barnes said he once again thanks those who supported him during the 2002 elections.

"With your continued support, I believe I will be the next Sheriff of Coffee County," he said. "Together, we can work at making this a safer and secure place to live."

citizens agreed on, the \$6,950 bid from J.R.'s of Opp. The mowers have a 27 hp engine and fill all the specifications required by the bid request, including a two year warranty.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported the on ramps of the levee walking trail have been locked to prevent bicycles and motorized vehicles from getting onto the levee.

He also explained that demolition continues at the old high school. The old band room area will be torn down, and all debris removed in this phase of the work.

Councilman Tom Hooks asked about efforts to improve street lighting on Gray Street.

Grantham promised to again look at this problem and report back to the council.

Victim arrested after investigation leads to evidence of drugs

Two arrested in connection to March 20th robbery on C.R. 201

Danny Lee Hudson was arrested during the course of the investigation of the robbery after officers found drug related evidence.

"Evidence of methamphetamine manufacturing was found in the victim's vehicle during the course of the investigation," Moates said.

Hudson was charged with manufacturing a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In regards to the robbery, Moates said the victim (Hudson) said the window of his van was broken during the course of the robbery and a large undetermined amount of gold coins were removed. The sheriff said a large amount of gold coins have been recovered; however, it is unknown if all

have been recovered.

"On the Monday following the reported robbery, sheriff's investigators returned to the residence on County Road 201 following up on the previous investigation and discovered a boxed up methamphetamine lab," Moates said. "Charges related to the meth lab are expected after forensic analysis."

The sheriff also said other arrests are pending for other individuals possibly involved with the robbery through indirect participation.

The investigation is continuing, and Moates asks anyone with information relating to the robbery or recovery of any remaining gold coins is asked to contact the Troy Police Department at (334) 566-0500, Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555, Coffee County Sheriff's Department at (334) 894-5535 or Enterprise Police Dispatch at (334) 347-2222.

Moates seeks another term as Coffee County Sheriff

Coffee County Sheriff Benjamin M. "Ben" Moates this week announced his intentions to seek re-election to the Office of Sheriff of Coffee County through the Democratic primary.

"I am a 52-year-old lifelong resident of Coffee County," Moates said. "My parents are Martin and Jeanette Moates who have been retired from a family farm operation for two years."

Moates attended elementary school in Enterprise and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1972. He attended what was then Enterprise State

Junior College. He is a member of the Enterprise First Baptist Church, Enterprise Lions Club, Alabama Sheriff's Association, National Sheriff's Association, Fraternal Order of Police, member of the Southern States Livestock and Rural Enforcement Association and currently serves as director of District Seven Alabama Sheriff's Association.

Moates also serves as a firefighter with the Tri-Communities Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Coffee County Firefighters Association.

"I support the Coffee County Children's Policy Council," Moates added. "I have attended numerous firefighter and police training courses dealing with hazardous material and most recently homeland security issues. I attended the FBI's Executive Development Seminar and attended three sessions of the Alabama Sheriff's training course in Tuscaloosa."

Moates said he began his law enforcement career as a Coffee County reserve deputy in 1984. He graduated from the Southwest Alabama Police Academy in 1988 and started full-time with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department in 1990. He has served in the position of deputy, administrative assistant, investigator, chief deputy and currently is serving in his 11th year as Sheriff of Coffee County.

Moates said he supports the area city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a combined effort to aggressively enforce all state and federal laws.

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